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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

ATTENTION : Chief of Administration  
Office of the Deputy Director (Plans)

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SUBJECT : Administrative Plan for Project [REDACTED]

1. I know that CIA relationships with [REDACTED] have been developed slowly and carefully over a period of many years. I also know that many problems and policies which at the time were unique and highly debatable were actually developed and resolved in connection with this project. In spite of the fact that this project was, thus, one of our first significant [REDACTED] we have never developed an Administrative Plan for the project.

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2. In view of the significant policy issues and the large amounts of Government funds involved, I feel that CIA has a heavy responsibility to ensure that we develop effective and continuing working relationships for the control and support of [REDACTED] and that all external and internal officials understand and comply with these relationships.

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3. At the present time these working relationships are either informal and unwritten or are expressed in numerous unrelated documents which do not of themselves constitute a comprehensive working relationship. In addition, these documents lack continuity and have not been given adequate distribution to all parties concerned.

4. With your concurrence, and for the above cited reasons, I propose to instruct the Project Administrative Planning Staff to collaborate with the IO Division in the consolidation of all of our formal and informal understandings with [REDACTED] and to develop an adequate Administrative Plan. To a limited extent, various new working relationships and procedural requirements may of course be found necessary or desirable.

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5. Although such an Administrative Plan would appear to be a routine requirement under Agency regulations, I am calling this proposal to your attention because the Chief, IO Division, has requested that we do not attempt to prepare an Administrative Plan for [REDACTED] but rather that various other documents of understanding be considered as constituting an Administrative Plan. I presume this position is dictated by the fear that in developing an Administrative Plan we might muddy up relationships and procedures which the Chief, IO, now believes to be adequate and satisfactory. If my presumption is correct I am confident that this fear need not and should not materialize.

6. Unless you disagree, it is requested that this memorandum be forwarded to the Chief, PAPS, who will undertake, in collaboration with your staff, to prepare an appropriate Administrative Plan.

L. K. WHITE  
Acting Deputy Director  
(Administration)

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